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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : Weekly Report for 26-30 October 1981

I. DCI/DDCI-Assigned Tasks

1. Work has begun under Maurice Ernst on a fast-track SNIE on Soviet economic vulnerabilities. We are shooting for NFIB's telephonic concurrence by 16 November.

2. Constantine Menges has completed and sent forward the paper you requested on recent developments in Nicaragua.

II. Other Activities of the Week

3. Larry Gershwin and I testified on 26 October before the SASC Sub-committee on Strategic and Theater Nuclear Forces on the Soviet strategic posture. Both CIA and DIA participated; the main interests of the sub-committee were B-1 vulnerability and MX survivability.

4. Charlie Waterman briefed SFRC senior staff officers on Pakistan/Indian/Afghanistan issues. Waterman also gave the NSC a memorandum elucidating the Intelligence Community's assessment of the political-military backdrop of the F-15/AWACS sale.

5. A brief memorandum on the survival prospects for Somalian President Siad was prepared at Secretary Haig's request. It was coordinated by CIA, DIA, and State and was forwarded on 29 October.

6. On 28 October I attended the SIG meeting on East-West Economic Relations that agreed to dispatch teams to Europe and Nigeria to argue the case for alternatives to the Yamal pipeline.

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7. Hans Heymann prepared an assessment on "Allied reactions to US withdrawal from Law of the Sea treaty negotiations" for the exclusive use of Ambassador Malone (State/OES).

8. Dave Gries attended two interagency meetings concerning whether the US should support the Kampuchean resistance.

9. Constantine Menges provided an intelligence perspective regarding the prospective major US policy initiative on Cuba.

10. Fred Hutchinson issued a working-level draft report to members of the Warning Working Group (INR, NSA, DIA, OSD, CIA) concerning a WWG assessment of recent warning capability and performance and options for change. We anticipate that the next draft will be discussed with principals and the following one will be for NFIB consideration.

11. On 27 October NFIB concurred, subject to minor updating, in the publication of the SNIE on the Libyan-Ethiopian-South Yemeni Pact.

III. Future Activities

12. Ennis Whitehead will chair an Intelligence Community seminar at on 5 and 6 November on "Soviet Perceptions of the Military Balance in Central Europe." It should engender a number of research topics for the Community to work on and an essay for you on this subject.

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13. Gershwin will sponsor an Intelligence Community-DOD symposium on Soviet air defense here on 5 November.

14. The first meeting of your Political-Military Advisory Panel will be held here on 13 November.

15. We are beginning work on an NIE on Soviet national security policy. The paper will deal with Soviet strategic and conventional power, covert and insurgency operations, and the capability of arms sales to enhance Soviet power, as well as the implications of these factors for the US and for potential Soviet vulnerabilities.

16. Other estimates well along in the production process include the SNIE on the Pakistani nuclear weapons program and the SNIE on "turmoil and polarization in southern Africa."



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